MINUTES

OF THE

EIGHTH SESSION

OF THE

JOINT EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD

OF

Ohio and adjacent States,

Held in the EV. LUTHERAN ZION'S CHURCH, in

THOMPSON TOWNSHIP, SENECA CO., OHIO,

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OFFICERS OF THE SYNOD:

REV. J. J. BEILHARZ, ... *President.*

" H. BORCHERS, ... *Secretary.*

PROF. W. F. LEHMANN, ... *Treasurer.*

MINUTES.

Agreeably to a notice given by the Officers of the Joint Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, to whom the appointment of the time and place for holding this regular session was entrusted at the extra session, held in Columbus, in 1853, this body assembled in the Evangelical Lutheran Zion's Church, Thompson Township, Seneca Co., Ohio, on Friday, June 9th, 1854, at nine o'clock, A.M.

First Session.

Friday, 9 A.M. June 9, 1854.

The President, Rev. J. Wagenhals, opened the exercises of Synod with singing and prayer. The Secretary being absent, the President appointed the Rev. H. Borchers, Secretary pro-tempore.

The names of ministers, belonging to this Synod being read, it was ascertained that the following pastors and lay-delegates were present:—

1.—*From the Eastern District-Synod.*

Ministers' Names.	Post-Office.	Lay Delegates.
Rev. J. Mechling,	Greensburg, Pa.	Jos. Rambach.
" W. A. Fetter,	Butler, Pa.	Peter Bauer.
" Dr. A. B. Bierdemann,	Jefferson Furnace, Pa.	
" W. Sigelen,	Petersburg, O.	George Brumgart.
" C. Schwankowsky,	Zelienople, Pa.	
" Chr. Godfr. Friedrich,*	Alleghany City, Pa.	

2.—*From the English District-Synod.*

Rev. E. Greenwald,	Columbus, O.	John K. Heyl.
" A. S. Bartholomew,	Fort Wayne, Ind.	
Candidate P. J. Buehl,	Canal Fulton, O.	H. Hausmann.

3.—*From the Western District-Synod.*

Rev. A. Henkel,	Germantown, O.	J. Emrich.
" H. Heincke,	Miamisburg, O.	
" J. Wagenhals,	Lancaster, O.	
Prof. W. F. Lehmann,	Columbus, O.	
Rev. G. Spangler,	Sidney, O.	
" J. C. Schulze,	Springfield, O.	
" H. Borchers,	New-Bremen, O.	
" P. Gast,	Amanda, O.	G. Valentine.
" C. G. Reichert,	Zanesville, O.	D. Grim.
" C. Albrecht,	Thornville, O.	
" Fr. Zur Muehlen,	Zanesville, O.	

* Those members marked with a *, were received at this session.

Ministers' Names.	Post-Office.	Lay-Delegates.
Rev. M. Loy,	Delaware, O.	R. Ziegler.
" C. Schadow,	Piketon, O.	
" J. J. Sutter,	Lancaster, O.	
" K. Koeberlin,	Etna, O.	
" C. Friedrich,	Beaver, O.	
" J. A. Schulze,	Rossville, O.	
Candidate G. Baessler,	Marysville, O.	
" P. Eirich,	Lithopolis, O.	J. Glick.
" F. A. Graetz,	Hanging Rock, O.	
Prof. D. Worley,	Columbus, O.	
Rev. M. During,*	Wapakonetta, O.	

4.—*From the Northern District-Synod.*

Rev. J. J. Beilharz,	Tiffin, O.	W. Muhn.
" C. Adam,	Sulphur Springs, O.	
" V. Klein,	Sandusky City, O.	
" H. Lang,	Fremont, O.	A. Kern.
" J. Schladermundt,	Galion, O.	G. Seibert.
" R. Graetz,	New-Washington, O.	C. Lebold.
" J. Krauss,	Bucyrus, O.	Jacob Jerk.
" B. Pope,	Wooster, O.	
" A. Kleinegees,	Theresa, Wisc.	
" H. Lazar,	Marion, O.	F. Kull.
" Christian Hochstetter,	Fort Wayne, Ind.	
Rev. F. Ritter,	Toledo, O.	
Candidate S. G. Sinke,	Racine, Wisc.	
" A. Michaelis,	Findlay, O.	
" E. Kornbaum,	Rollersville, O.	J. Planz.
" J. Cronenwett,	Savannah, O.	J. Wirth.

The following ministers were absent :—

1.—*From the Eastern District.*

Rev. H. Huet,	Boardman, O.	
" J. J. Fast,	Canton, O.	excused.
" H. E. Melsheimer,	"	
" M. Kuchler,	Erie, Pa.	excused.
" J. Hoelsche,	Preston, Canada West.	
" F. C. Becker,	North Jackson, O.	excused.
" J. Zimmermann,	Crawford Mills, Pa.	not excused.
" G. Kranz,	London, Pa.	
" E. W. Braasch,	Millerstown, Pa.	excused.
" J. Nunnemacher,	Saegerstown, Pa.	
" F. G. Zeumer,	Pittsburg, Pa.	excused.
" Th. Hengist,	West Greenville, Pa.	
" S. Baechler,	North Lima, O.	excused.

2.—*From the English District.*

Rev. Manning,	Fultonham, O.
" D. Sparks,	Kilgore, O.
" D. Rothacker,	Chippewa, O.

Ministers' Names.	Post-Office.	Lay-Delegates.
" S. S. Klein,	Nimisilla, O.	
" J. Roof,	Circleville, O.	
" J. A. Weddle,	Zanesville, O.	
" G. Baughman,	Euphemia, O.	
" A. N. Bartholomew,	New-Comerstown, O.	
" D. Swaney,	Annapolis, O.	
" L. Rizer,		
" J. Rugan,	Somerset, O.	
Prof. A. Essick,	Columbus, O.	
Cand. M. M. Bartholomew,	New-Philadelphia, O.	
" G. Gaumer,	Carrollton, O.	
" J. K. Melhorn,	Masontown, Pa.	
" A. Yetter,	Wabash, Ind.	excused.

3.—*From the Western District.*

Rev. J. Leist,	Leistville, O.	
" S. Kaemmerer,	Adamsville, O.	
" J. Gruber,	Euphemia, O.	
" C. F. Kunert,	Mohicanville, O.	excused.
" D. Cranz,	Weinsburg, O.	
" C. Spielmann,	Columbus, O.	excused.
Prof. Dr. W. M. Reynolds,	"	"
Rev. A. Hordorf,	Dayton, O.	"
" J. Hursch,	North Clayton, O.	
" G. Doepken,	Piqua, O.	excused.
" J. Weimer,	Somerset, O.	"
" J. G. Theiss,	Richmond, Ind.	
" J. G. Schaeffer,	Bellefontaine, O.	
" H. G. Holm,	Buena Vista, O.	

4.—*From the Northern District.*

Rev. G. Cronenwett,	Woodville, O.	excused.
" A. F. Knape,	New-Bavaria, O.	
" F. Hunsche,		
" C. Wernle,	Old Hickory, O.	excused.

The Synod was thus composed of 65 members entitled to vote, viz.: 47 ministers and 18 lay-delegates.

The President reported, that he had no report to lay before this body. Since its last extra meeting in Columbus, in April, 1853, no official letters had been received, and inasmuch as he had then already fully reported in writing all matters that were in his hands, he would now refer to them, having nothing further to add.

An election for Officers was then held, which resulted as follows:

President—Rev. J. J. Beilharz.
Secretary— " H. Borchers.
Treasurer—Prof. Wm. F. Lehmann.

Upon the organization of the Synod, the following brethren presented themselves for admission into this body, who were for the time being accepted as advisory members, until the action of the ministerium:

Rev. Christian Gottlieb Friedrich, from the Synod of Pennsylvania.

Rev. Matthias During, from the Indianapolis Synod.

The Rev. P. J. Steierwald, of the Tennessee Synod, was also received as advisory member, and Rev. H. König, introduced.

Philip Hering, Delegate from the congregation of the lately deceased Brother A. Doner, was also presented.

The President now called for all documents and papers intended to be brought before Synod, which were handed in.

On motion of several members, *Resolved*, that the following brethren be excused for non-attendance at Synod: J. J. Fast, E. W. Braasch, S. Baechler, C. Spielmann, G. Doepken, C. Wernle, and J. Weimer.

Resolved, that Rev. J. Zimmermann be not excused.

Adjourned till 2, P. M. Prayer by Rev. C. Albrecht.

Second Session.

Friday, 2, P.M., June 9.

Opened with singing and prayer, by Rev. H. Lazar.

The President now announced the following Committees :—

1*st Committee*.—Rev. M. Loy, Prof. D. Worley, Rev. B. Pope, Rev. A. S. Bartholomew, and Delegate R. Ziegler.

2*d Committee*.—Rev. A. Henkel, Rev. H. Heincke, Rev. J. C. Schulze, and Delegate J. Emrich.

3*d Committee*.—Rev. Dr. A. B. Bierdemann, Rev. E. Greenwald, Rev. W. A. Fetter, and Delegate John K. Heyl.

4*th Committee*.—Rev. J. Mechling, Rev. J. Wagenhals, Rev. G. Reichert, Rev. H. Lazar, and Delegate D. Grim.

5*th Committee*.—Rev. C. Albrecht, Rev. W. Sigelen, Rev. P. Gast, Rev. K. Koeberlin, and Delegate G. Valentine.

Resolved, that two pastors be nominated from each synodical district as a Commitee to report upon *certain* papers. The President therefore appointed the—

6*th Committee*.—Dr. A. B. Bierdemann, Rev. W. A. Fetter, Rev. E. Greenwald, Rev. P. J. Buehl, Rev. H. Heincke, Rev. Fr. Zur Muehlen, Rev. B. Pope and Rev. F. Ritter.

7*th Committee*.—Rev. P. Eirich, Rev. R. Graetz, Rev. A. Kleinegees and Delegate W. Muhn.

Resolved, that all those ministers whose congregations have sent no delegates to this meeting, now be required to give the reasons why this was not done.

The names of those pastors who were here without delegates were called and each gave his reasons.

Adjourned till Saturday morning, 8, A.M. Prayer by Rev. P. Gast.

Third Session.

Saturday, 8, A.M. June 10.

Opened with singing and prayer by Rev. R. Graetz. Mr. Henry Ludwig, publisher of the "Lutherische Herold," appeared in Synod, and was welcomed among us.

Resolved, that the amended constitution, as proposed at the extra session of this Synod, at Columbus last year, be now taken up for consideration.

The Amended Constitution was read, and *Resolved*, that the same be now definitely adopted, to go into operation immediately after the adjourn-

ment of this Synod. This resolution was lost, on account of the lack of the required majority of two-thirds of the voting members present.

Voters for the same:—Revs. Dr. Bierdemann, Sigelen, Mechling, During, Greenwald, A. S. Bartholomew, Henkel, Wagenhals, Prof. Lehmann, Spaengler, Albrecht, Gast, Sutter, Geo. Chr. Friedrich, Borchers, Heincke, F. A. Graetz, Beilharz, Adam, Klein, Lang, Schladermundt, Krauss, Pope, Michaelis, J. Cronenwett, Kleinegees, Ritter, and Delegates: Brumgart, Rambach, Heyl, Emrich, Valentine, Grim, Muhn, Kern, Siebert, Lebold, Jerk, Kull, Wirth, *total*, 41.

Voters against the same: Revs. Fetter, Schwankowsky, Chr. Gottlieb Friedrich, Buehl, J. C. Schulze, Zur Muehlen, Loy, Koeberlin, Schadow, J. A. Schulze, Prof. Worley, Reichert, Eirich, Baessler, R. Graetz, Lazar, Kornbaum, Hochstetter, and Delegates: Bauer, Hausmann, Ziegler, Glick, Planz, *total*, 23.

Resolved, that this rejected resolution, (being lost for lack of two votes,) be once more taken up for consideration.

Resolved, that this motion be laid upon the table for the present, and that the Constitution itself be taken up for consideration.

This consideration continued until adjournment. Rev. J. Krauss closed with prayer.

Fourth Session.

SATURDAY, 4 P.M. JUNE 10th.

Opened with prayer by Rev. C. Adam.

On account of indisposition of the acting Secretary, the Rev. C. Albrecht was nominated Secretary pro-tem. by the President. The consideration of the constitution was resumed.

Resolved, that in the 2d Article of the Synodical Constitution the words: "*or at least as they are contained in the unaltered Augsburg Confession and Luther's Smaller Catechism*" be stricken out, and the following inserted: "*or at least confess and maintain in their Constitution the unaltered Augsburg Confession and the Smaller Catechism of Luther in the spirit and intention of the other Symbolical Books.*"

Adjourned till Monday, 8. A.M. Prayer by Rev. G. Spaengler.

Divine Service and Celebration of the Lord's Supper.

On Lord's Day the members of Synod and a large congregation assembled in the house of God, to participate in the Sacrament of the Altar. The preparatory discourse was preached the day previous by Rev. Koeberlin, from 1 Cor. 11, 28. 29. which was the more impressive as an hour before Rev. Heincke had delivered a discourse at the funeral of a child, from 1 Thess. 4, 13. 14 in the same place. After the close of these sermons, Confession was made by the congregation, and the Absolution pronounced by the Pastor Loci, Rev. H. Lang.

On Sunday morning the house of the Lord was full to overflowing, and a large number, for want of room, were obliged to remain without the church. But these, as well as those in the church, listened attentively to the sermon in the German language, by Prof. W. F. Lehmann, from John 3, 14. 15. and to that in the English language, by Rev. E. Greenwald, from Micah 6, 6. In accordance with the usages of our Church, the elements were then consecrated, and a large number appeared at the Table of the Lord, to receive from his fulness grace for grace.

On Sunday afternoon the Pastoral Discourse was delivered by the

former President, Rev. J. Wagenhals, from 1 Pet. 5, 2—4, which by many will certainly never be forgotten.

May the Lord of glory richly bless this holy Lord's day, that the seed sown may bring forth much fruit. Amen.

Fifth Session.

MONDAY, 8 A.M., JUNE 12th.

Opened with singing and prayer by the Rev. H. Heincke.

The consideration of the Constitution was resumed.

Resolved, that the word "license," in the 6th Article, 9th line (in the German printed copy) be stricken out.

Resolved, that both these resolutions passed during the 4th and 5th sessions of Synod, be considered motions for amendment of the Constitution, upon the reception of which the next Joint Synod shall decide.

Hereupon the motion to adopt the amended Constitution, which had been laid upon the the table at the 3d session, was taken up, and it was

Resolved, That we now adopt the amended Constitution according to the German original, as it appears in the Minutes of the extra session held in Columbus in the year 1853, and that the same shall go into force immediately upon the adjournment of Synod; Provided, however, that the present officers remain in office until the first meeting of the Joint Synod under the amended Constitution.

Voters for the Resolution: Revs. Adam, Albrecht, Dr. Bierdemann, Bartholomew, Beilharz, J. Cronenwett, During, Fetter, C. G. Friedrich, C. Friedrich, Gast, Greenwald, R. Graetz, F. Graetz, Heincke, Henkel, Klein, Krauss, Kleinegees, Prof. Lehmann, Lang, Mechling, Michaelis, Pope, Ritter, Sigelen, Spaengler, Sinke, Wagenhals, Prof. Worley. Delegates: Bauer, Baumgart, Emrich, Grim, Heyl, Jerk, Kern, Lebold, Muhn, Planz, Valentine, Wirth. Total 42.

Voters against the same: Revs. Baessler, Buehl, Borchers, Eirich, Hochstetter, Koeberlin, Kornbaum, Lazar, Loy, Reichert, J. C. Schulze, J. A. Schulze, Schadow, Sutter, Zur Muehlen. Delegates: Glick, Hausmann, Kull, Seibert, Ziegler. Total 20.

Rev. Schladermundt afterwards informed Synod that he was also opposed to the acceptance of the resolution.

As the requisite number of votes, viz. two-thirds of the voting members present, were received, the resolution was adopted.

Report of the second Committee.

No. 1. is a letter from Rev. F. G. Zeumer, Pittsburg, Pa. He desires to be excused for not appearing at Synod. His reasons are: the absence of the two other Lutheran pastors from there, and as the circumstances of the Pittsburg congregations require that one pastor of our confession should be on the spot, he was therefore compelled to remain at home. He particularly recommends Rev. Friederich for admission into the Ministerium.

The Committee recommends that he be excused.

No. 2. is a communication to the Reverend Synod, from an absent member, asking us to give our opinion in private upon two questions in reference to secret societies.

No. 3. a communication of similar import, from Rev. P. J. Buehl.

The Committee recommends that both documents be read, and the Opinion be given, if Synod finds it suitable.

Respectfully submitted by the Committee.

A. Henkel. H. Heincke.
J. C. Schulze. J. Emrich.

The Report was adopted and

Resolved, that Rev. F. G. Zeumer be excused.

Resolved, that those papers, relating to Secret Societies, be given to another Committee, to report this afternoon.

The President nominated as a Committee: Prof. W. F. Lehmann, Rev. J. Krauss, Rev. C. Adam, and Delegate Anthony Kern.

Report of the first Committee.

The first Committee, to whom were referred: 1. The Union Sunday School Hymnbook, published by the Ev. Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania, with the co-operation of the Reformed Synod. 2. The Exposition of Luther's Smaller Catechism, by Rev. W. J. Mann, made by order of the Pennsylvania Synod. 3. Some copies of Missions-Blätter, published by Rev. Mr. Brobst, and 4. a letter from the latter, requesting this Synod to introduce these papers.—The Committee reported as follows:

The Committee is decidedly of opinion, that a Union Hymnbook is just as little, yea, still less suitable for a school, than a congregation. Children should from the beginning become acquainted with the distinctive doctrines of both denominations, so that their minds may be thoroughly grounded; but that a union book cannot be confessional in doctrine, is easily understood. Besides, the introduction of a separate school hymnbook, in addition to the church hymnbook is unnecessary, because parents and children may just as well use one and the same book.

The Exposition of the Catechism, although acknowledged for the greater part to be well executed, and although there is very little matter in it that is a failure or to be condemned, still the Committee thinks upon the whole, that the object has not been attained, as the style is sometimes also too exalted for the simplicity of youth. In addition to this, the Committee thinks, that it would be premature formally to introduce this book, by a synodical resolution, before others also have examined and approved of it.

The Missions-Blaetter are known to the brethren, and most of them have probably made up their opinion about them. It is, in the opinion of the Committee, not a paper for which the Synod would like to become responsible. Its introduction will therefore now as before be left to the judgment of each individual.

Respectfully, M. Loy. A. S. Bartholomew.
D. Worley. R. Ziegler.
B. Pope.

Resolved, that this report be adopted in all parts.

Adjourned until after the afternoon Divine Service.

Prayer by the Rev. A. Kleinegees.

Rev. C. Schwankowsky preached from Col. 3, 3. 4.

Sixth Session.

Monday, 2 P.M., June 12th.

After the opening of Synod, the minutes were read and adopted.

Report of the sixth Committee.

Your Committee, to whom *certain* papers were given for inspection, respectfully reports, as follows:

These papers consist,—

1. of those documents relating to Candidate A. Strauss, which were laid before the last session of the Western District Synod at Lancaster, and

2. a mass of other documents on the same subject, handed in since that session, throwing more light upon the subject.

After careful and prayerful consideration of the above documents, and particularly as we learn from them, that said A. Strauss had been earnestly admonished by Rev. J. Wagenhals and by the President of the Northern District Synod, Rev. J. J. Beilharz, at all events to appear in his own defense at this synodical session, and as he was further notified by the Rev. A. S. Bartholomew and Rev. C. Hochstetter, that they would bring complaints against him at this Synod, and still he has not appeared; therefore the Committee have come unanimously to the sorrowful conclusion, that said A. Strauss is probably an incorrigible liar, and consequently unworthy to fill the sacred office of a minister of the Gospel.

But as the final sentence in this matter can only be executed by the Ministerium, your Committee would move that the decision of this matter be left to that body.

The Committee: A. B. Bierdemann. W. A. Fetter.
E. Greenwald. P. J. Buehl.
H. Heincke. F. Zur Muehlen.
B. Pope. F. Ritter.

Resolved, that the above Report be adopted, but that the definite decision of the matter be referred to the ministerium.

Report of the fifth Committee.

A quantity of minutes of various Lutheran Synods in this country were handed to your Committee, concerning which they beg leave to report as follows:

No. 1. The minutes of our Joint Synod, held to Canton, O., in 1851. We would respectfully recommend the following subject to the attention of the reverend Synod:

On page 8 we find, that a standing committee was appointed, to portray the general condition of the church, at every session of this body, as also to lay before that body a statistical summary of the parochial reports, collections, &c. in the District Synods during the last three years.

Your Committee would respectfully inquire: Is said Committee prepared to lay their report before Synod?

No. 2. The Minutes of the Extra Session of our Joint Synod, held at Columbus, O., 1853. We observe from these Minutes, that many members of Synod were absent from the same without permission. Your Committee would move, that these brethren be now called upon to give a reason for the non-performance of their duty in this respect.

On page 17 of the same Minutes, it appears, that a Committee was appointed. consisting of the officers of the missionary societies of the various District Synods, who shall present to this meeting a plan. showing how the accumulated moneys for home missions may be most advantageously applied.

On this subject also your Committee would inquire: Is that Committee prepared to make such a report?

On page 35 we find, that a Committee was appointed to commence a mission among the Indians, whose duty it should be, to report progress of the work to this meeting.

And on p. 35, that the Committee then existing—on Church Practice, Ceremonies, &c. be continued, which should also report at this meeting.

No. 3. The Minutes of the 1st and 2d Session of the Northern District Synod, held at Perrysburg, 1851, and at Fremont, 1852.

No. 4. The Minutes of the 3d Session of the same District Synod, held at Bucyrus, 1853. Your Committee find nothing in these Minutes having any particular reference to this body.

No. 5. The Minutes of our Western District Synod, held at Lancaster, O., 1853. There is nothing in these Minutes that has any reference to this meeting.

No. 6. The Minutes of the 13th Meeting of the Ev. Lutheran Synod of South Carolina, held at Orangeburg, S. C., November, 1853. Nothing important to report.

Respectfully, C. Albrecht. P. Gast.
K. Koeberlin. G. Valentine.
W. Sigelin.

Resolved, that the Report be adopted.

The Committee mentioned sub No 1. handed in a summary of statistics, relating to parochial reports, collections, &c. of the District Synods, during the last three years, but as for want of information, in spite of all the pains taken by the Committee, the report was still very incomplete, it was returned to the Committee.

Resolved, that this Committee be excused from reporting.

Resolved, that those members who were absent from the special session at Columbus last year, be required by the President to assign the reason of their absence.

The President accordingly requested those to whom the above resolution referred, to state their excuses, whereupon each minister not then present, gave the reason why he did not attend said session.

Resolved, that the Committee appointed to prepare a plan for the most judicious appropriation of the funds collected for Home Missions, be relieved, and a new Committee appointed in their stead.

The following members were appointed: Rev, J. J. Beilharz, Dr. A. B. Bierdemann, Prof. W. F. Lehmann and Rev. A. S. Bartholomew.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to take measures for the commencement of a mission among the Indians, it was stated, have taken some steps in the matter, but as the chairman was unavoidably absent, it was

Resolved, that the Committee be continued, and report at the next meeting of the Joint Synod.

The Committee on Church Practice, Ceremonies, &c. reported, that they would hand in their report before the close of this Synod.

Report of the fourth Committee.

No. 1. is a letter from Rev. C. A. Behrends, whose congregation is in Newport, Shelby Co., O., although he does not belong to our synodical connection, the congregation sends a collection, $2. to the Synod, for any needy student in Columbus Seminary.

No. 2. is this year's report of the Treasurer, Mr. L. Heyl, of the Theological Seminary at Columbus.

No. 3. is a Memorial, relating to the condition of the German Lutheran Church in the State of Wisconsin, by Rev. A. Kleinegees.

In relation to No. 1. the Committee moves, that we thank the congregation in Newport for their gift.

In relation to No. 2. the Committee report that they found the report correct, and are rejoiced at the balance on hand, they therefore move that the report be read to synod, and that it be appended to our minutes.

In relation to No. 3. the Committee moves, that the Memorial be read, and that the demand for pastors contained therein be impressed upon Synod.

No. 4. is the Report of the Treasurer of Joint Synod, which the Committee have found correct.

The Receipts amounted to	$791. 02.
" Expenses " "	768. 64.
Leaving a balance in Treasury . .	$ 22. 38.

Respectfully, the Committee: J. Mechling. H. Lazar. R. G. Reichert. D. Grim. J. Wagenhals.

Resolved, that the Report be accepted as it lies before us, and that some copies of our Minutes be sent to the congregation in Newport, Shelby Co., O., Wynant P. O.

The Report of the Treasurer, Mr. L. Heyl, of the Theological Seminary in Columbus, was read, and

Resolved, that the same be embodied in our Minutes.

Report of the Treasurer.

To the Directors of the German Lutheran Seminary at Columbus, O.—

The following is the Account of the Treasurer in relation to the Receipts and Expenditures since the last Report to Synod in the year 1853.

Receipts:

Balance in the hands of the Treasurer, April 22, 1853,		$158. 75.
Dividends received on Plankroad Stock		20. 00.
Cash received on old subscriptions		41. 50.
Interest paid on loans		479. 00.
Rent received from Columbus Directory for building,		97. 13.
		$796. 38.

Disbursements:

Cash paid for Luther's Works, ordered by the Directors	$ 45. 77.	
Cash paid for Wood	5. 50.	
Prof. Lehmann's Salary, for the year ending April 15, 1854	500. 00.	
		$551. 27.
Cash remaining in the hands of the Treasurer, June 6th, 1854		$245. 11,

For statement of amounts invested, the Board are respectfully referred to my last report. I would add that the interest on all the loans excepting an old loan of $100, is payable annually, and of course when not paid, is chargeable with interest from the time it becomes due. The present annual income of the Institution, is about $930, being about $400 over the ordinary annual expenses.

Respectfully submitted, Lewis Heyl, *Treas.*

The Report of the Treasurer of the Joint Synod was also read and accepted.

The Memorial drawn up and reported by the Rev. A. Kleinegees, relating to the condition and wants of the Ev. Lutheran Church in the State of Wisconsin, was read and—

Resolved, that the same be directed to the especial attention of the Committee on Missions, but that vacant congregations in the eastern parts of our Synodical Districts be not neglected by them.

The Committee to whom the papers concerning Secret Societies were entrusted, were allowed time till to-morrow to hand in their report.

Resolved, that we request all the members of our Synod, as well ministers as delegates, to exert themselves as well publicly as by private admonition, to assist in increasing the number of readers of the "Lutheran Herold," so that the same may soon be enabled to appear weekly, that thereby the benefit to be derived from reading this instructive and edifying religious paper may become more extensive.

Resolved, that Synod does not however justify Mr. Ludwig in his remarks upon a certain Resolution passed by the Eastern District Synod in the regard to the "Herold."

Resolved, that Rev. M. Kuchler be excused.

Adjourned till to-morrow, 8, A.M.

Seventh Session.

TUESDAY, 8 A.M., June 13th.

After opening Synod by singing and prayer, by Rev. J. Mechling, the Minutes were read and accepted; then the Committee to whom certain papers on Secret Societies were referred, made the following

Report.

Your Committee have, after earnest consideration concluded to recommend to Synod the following, as answer to the written inquiries for advice from the brethren Zeumer and Buehl:

1. *Resolved*, that the Synod regards as unchurchly, all societies out of the church, and particularly secret societies, whenever they aim to accomplish those objects which the christian church, according to the word of God, has, and ever must have in view; because they are not only rendered unnecessary by the establishment of the church, but because they are calculated to produce indifference towards the Kingdom of Christ, and in many cases entire estrangement from Christianity, and even gross infidelity.

2. *Resolved*, that we regard the so-called Protestant Union of Pennsylvania, as belonging to the above class of societies; and that in addition we find the following things objectionable in it: It stands upon unionistic ground; it interferes with the office that God has given the civil government; and finally, it arrogates to itself Christ's office of protection over his Church, to which he has promised, "the gates of hell shall not prevail against it," and "lo I am with you always even to the end of the world."

3. *Resolved*, that we do not feel ourselves authorized as a Synod to prescribe to our congregations special directions as to the manner in which they shall administer church discipline among their members; and that therefore, we counsel the congregations who have sought our advice, to act according to their own conscientious con-

victions, and the directions of God's word, because we are of the opinion that the same course of procedure is not advisable in all cases, and that church discipline ought only to be enforced when the consequences above referred to manifest themselves.

4. *Resolved*, We answer to Mr. Buehl's inquiry, that the congregation mentioned, have the right to shape and administer their constitution, in reference to this subject, according to their own conscientious convictions; the other points of the inquiry in reference to special cases, are sufficiently answered above.

5. *Resolved*, that we, as a Synodical body, feel ourselves called upon to exercise church discipline only when the consequences above referred to manifest themselves; but that in future we will admit no one into our connection who belongs to said societies.

Respectfully, the Committee: W. F. Lehmann. J. Krauss. Carl Adam. Anth. Kern.

The above Report was considered item by item, and finally

Resolved, that the same in all its parts be adopted.

The Rev. A. Henkel and Rev. H. Heincke gave notice, that they did not coincide with No. 5, of the above Report, and that they must therefore vote against the adoption of this particular resolution.

Adjourned, so as to hold a Ministerial Session.

In the Afternoon, 1 P.M. Rev. J. Krauss preached from John 3, 16.

Eighth Session.

Tuesday, 4 P.M., June 13th.

After the opening of Synod, Rev. Prof. W. F. Lehmann handed in several papers, addressed to him, and which had just arrived, in relation to the matter of Mr. Strauss, which were given to the Committee on these matters for further report.

Rev. C. Mook, member of the English Synod of Ohio appeared in the meeting and was welcomed.

Report of the seventh Committee.

Your Committee begs leave to report upon the Documents handed to them, as follows:

No. 1. is a letter from Rev. Dr. W. M. Reynolds, wherein he asks to be excused on account of his absence, as circumstances would not allow him to be present this year at the meeting of Synod. The remainder of the letter relates to the affairs of our institution at Columbus. He deplores, that so few Lutheran parents belonging to our synodical connection, have availed themselves of the opportunity to send their sons, who possess taste and talents to be educated at the seminary, but hopes that improvement may soon take place in that respect. Complaint is also made in this letter, that the subscriptions for instituting professorships are so slowly paid in, that much is lost thereby.

The Committee moves, that Dr. W. M. Reynolds be excused; but that the remaining contents of the letter be well weighed.

No. 2. is a letter from Rev. P. F. Zizelmann, in Fredericksburg, Texas, in relation to the Mission among the Indians in that State, wherein the hope of a good result from the intended Mission is expressed, and the friendly offer is made, to assist in the establishment of the same, with counsel and action.

The Committee moves, that this letter be handed to the Committee on this subject for their consideration.

No. 3. is a letter from Rev. G. Cronenwett, asking to be excused. He assigns as a reason for his non-appearance at Synod, that his son lies dangerously ill from an accidental gunshot. He also recommends the cause of Foreign Missions to the respectful attention of Synod, and beseeches them, on no account to neglect their duty in this respect.

The Committee recommends that Rev. G. Cronenwett be excused.

No. 4. is a letter from Mr. W. Albach, directed to the Rev. Ministerium of this Synod. He asks in his letter for a renewed investigation of those complaints at the place where they originated on account of which he was expelled by the English District Synod.

The Committee proposes that this matter be referred to the Ministerium.

Respectfully, the Committee, P. Eirich. R. Graetz. A. Kleinegees. W. Muhn.

The Report was adopted.

Resolved, that Prof. W. M. Reynolds be excused.

Resolved, that each minister of this Synod be requested so soon as convenient, to preach a sermon in his congregations on the great want of ministers in the Lutheran Church, and the necessity of suitable qualifications for the office, and that parents who have suitable sons, be urged to send them to Columbus to have them educated for the Ministry, and that all our members be admonished to contribute liberally in aid of the education cause.

Resolved, that the letter of the Rev. P. F. Zizelmann be handed to the Committee appointed to commence a Mission among the Indians, for their especial attention.

Resolved, that Synod heartily condoles with Brother G. Cronenwett on account of the accident in his family, and that his absence be excused.

Resolved, that the letter of Mr. W. Albach be referred to the Ministerium.

Synod now proceeded to elect six Directors for our Theological Institution in Columbus; on counting the votes it was ascertained, that the following persons were elected for the term of six years, as directors. Rev. M. Loy, Rev. P. Gast, Rev. J. Manning, and Delegates, Obermeyer, Ziegler and L. Heyl.

Adjourned till Wednesday, 8 A.M. Prayer by Rev. J. Schladermundt.

Ninth Session.

Wednesday, 8 A.M., June 14th.

After opening Synod with singing and prayer, as customary, the Minutes were read and accepted.

Synod now instituted another election to fill one vacancy in the Directorship of the Theological Institution. Rev. H. Lang was elected.

Resolved, that those ministers who departed from Synod without permission, be earnestly reproved, and that such action be declared highly improper.

Resolved, that Synod nominate a consulting and editing Committee consisting of five persons, for the publication of the "Lutheran Standard."

The following persons were elected: Rev. E. Greenwald, Prof. W. F. Lehmann, Prof. J. Worley, Rev. C. Spielmann and Rev. M. Loy.

When the result of the election became known, Rev. M. Loy resigned, his resignation was accepted, and Mr. Lewis Heyl was unanimously elected in his stead.

Resolved, that the Committee be requested to publish the "Lutheran

Standard" weekly, and that we obligate ourselves to do all that we can to sustain it as a weekly paper. It shall also be the duty of the Committee to lay before the next meeting of the Joint Synod, if possible, a plan for carrying out this resolution.

Adjourned, to allow a Ministerial Session to be held, till after Divine Service in the afternoon.

Rev. Fr. Zur Muehlen preached at 1 P.M. from Acts 1, 12—26.

Tenth Session.

WEDNESDAY, 2 P. M., JUNE 14th.

After Synod was opened in the usual manner, the Minutes were read, and accepted. Rev. Dr. Bierdemann, a member of the Committee appointed at the meeting of Joint Synod at Canton, to present a complete Report on Lutheran Practice, informed Synod, that he was prepared to make a Report, which he then proceeded to do; but as the same was only signed by two members of the Committee, and as these were, with one exception, present, this important subject could not be properly discussed; the Report was therefore returned to the Committee, and

Resolved, that the consideration of the Customs, Ceremonies and Practices of the Ev. Lutheran Church be deferred to the beginning of the next meeting of the Joint Synod.

Report of the third Committee.

The third Committee respectfully reports as follows:

No. 1. is a letter from Brother F. C. Becker. Wishes to be excused for not appearing at Synod on account of the sickness of his wife, asks for a minister in several destitute congregations—sends $10. for the synodical fund—mentions that he will send another $10. besides bedclothes for the furnishing of Capital University, to Columbus—sends his parochial report, and wishes this body the blessing of the Lord.

No. 2. is a letter from Brother C. F. Kunert, wherein he asks to be excused for not appearing at Synod, on account of family circumstances, wishes this body the blessing of the Lord.

No. 3. is a letter from Brother A. Hordorf, wherein he asks to be excused for absence, having been taken sick on his journey to Synod.

No. 4. is a letter from Brother S. Baechler. He desires to be excused for absence, owing to the feeble state of his health,—asks for a minister to be sent in his vicinity, to form another parochial district, partly out of congregations of his former charge and partly composed of others.

No. 5. a letter from Brother A. Yetter, in which he begs to be excused for non-appearance at Synod, gives as a reason, that he has no money for the journey—and expresses a wish that a missionary may be sent into Elkhart Co. Indiana.

The Committee proposes, that the above named Brethren be excused, but that the destitute congregations be recommended to the notice of the Missionary Committee.

No. 6. is a letter from the Church Council of the congregation of the late lamented Brother J. Isensee. They notify Synod of the death of their beloved pastor, and request Synod to send them a new minister.

Your Committee feels deeply the severe loss that the family of the deceased, as also his congregation have sustained, but entertains the hope, that the good Head of the Church will make this sore trial to work for their salvation, and proposes that the Secretary shall endeavor

to obtain a short biography as well of this beloved Brother, as also of the lately deceased Rev. A. Doner, to be appended to the Minutes of this Synodical Session.

Respectfully, the Committee:

A. B. Bierdemann. E. Greenwald.
W. A. Fetter. J. K. Heyl.

The Report was adopted.

Resolved, that the Brethren, F. C. Becker, C. F. Kunert, A. Hordorf, S. Baechler, and A. Yetter be excused.

Resolved, that the Secretary prepare a short Biography of our beloved brethren, the Rev. A. Doner and J. Isensee, whom the Lord of life and death has been pleased to call from our midst, and append the same to the Minutes.

Resolved, that the sincere thanks of the members of the Joint Synod be tendered to the members of Ev. Lutheran Zion's Congregation, in Thompson Township, for the friendly and kind hospitality extended by them to the members of Synod, and that the Secretary shall deliver a copy of this resolution to the Pastor loci, so that the same may be published to his congregation from the pulpit at their next public worship.

Resolved, that we now appoint the place of meeting of the next Joint Delegate Synod.

Several invitations were made and by plurality of votes Greensburg, Pa., was the place selected.

Resolved, that after adjournment of this body, the next Joint Delegate Synod shall assemble again on the evening of the second Wednesday in November, (being the 8th November, 1854) at the above designated place.

Resolved, that 1200 copies of these Minutes in the German language, and 800 copies in the English language be printed.

Resolved, that copies of our Minutes be sent to all congregations in our synodical connection that are vacant, as also to all congregations that have made applications for a pastor.

Resolved, that the pastors living in the vicinity of vacant congregations shall visit them as often as possible, and shall continue to do so, as long as they are without a pastor.

Resolved, that Rev. Chr. Hochstetter, or any other Brother be requested to preach in the congregations of A. Strauss, who has been expelled from our connection.

Adjourned to meet as Education Society.

After the conclusion of the business of the Education Society, Synod was again organized; the names of the members of this body, whose duty it should be to be present, were read, when it was found that the Rev. H. Lazar and Rev. W. Sigelen, and their Delegates had left Synod without permission.

Resolved, that, after all business brought before this body is disposed of, we now adjourn as Joint Synod.

The President closed the Synod with a fervent prayer, imploring the blessing of the Lord of the Harvest upon these deliberations.

May the Lord of Glory hear this prayer, and bless what has been enacted by this body. Amen!

That the foregoing is a correct representation of the transactions of the synodical sessions, I hereby certify.

H. BORCHERS, *Secretary.*

MINISTERIAL SESSIONS.

First Session.

FRIDAY, 5 P.M. JUNE 9.

Resolved, that a Committee be appointed, to hold a Colloquium with those brethren who have applied for admission into our synodical connection, viz.: the Rev. C. G. Friedrich and Rev. M. During.

The President appointed the Rev. Prof. W. F. Lehmann, Rev. Dr. A. B. Bierdemann and Rev. J. Mechling to compose this Committee.

After holding the Colloquium and making a verbal report,

Resolved, that the brethren Christoph Gottlieb Friedrich and Matthias During, be accepted as members of our Synodical connection.

Second Session.

MONDAY, 5 P.M. JUNE 12.

The Ministerium consulted upon the Report presented by the sixth Synodical Committee, in relation to the complaints and papers against the Candidate A. Strauss, but came to no definite conclusion.

Third Session.

TUESDAY, 10 A.M., JUNE 13.

The unfinished Consultation, broken off in the Second Session, in the matter of Candidate Strauss, was continued, without however coming to any conclusion.

Resolved, that Rev. C. G. Friedrich and Rev. J. P. Buehl, as also the Delegate H. Hausmann, have permission to return home.

Adjourned till after the close of the afternoon Divine Service.

Prayer by Rev. J. C. Schulze.

Fourth Session.

TUESDAY, 2 P.M., JUNE 13.

After opening the Ministerium, the continuation of the consideration of the complaints against the former Candidate A. Strauss was again taken up, and

Resolved, that this Ministerium fully approves of the sentence in the matter before the said Committee, and that therefore the license of Candidate given to the said A. Strauss, be hereby annulled and withdrawn.

Resolved, that we do, however, after hearing the verbal declaration of the Committee formerly appointed by the Western District-Synod in this matter, *unanimously declare*, that that Ministerium acted conscientiously in its decision on the above case, and with reference to the documents then before it.

Resolved, that the Secretary be instructed to send copies of these resolutions, without delay, not only to Mr. A. Strauss, but also to the congregations in which he preaches.*

* I have attended to this on the 19th of June, but have not received from Mr. Strauss the requested notice of receipt of my letter.—*Note by the Secretary.*

Adjourned to hold a Synodical Session.

Fifth Session.

WEDNESDAY, 10½, A.M., JUNE 14.

The Committee, to whom several additional documents relating to the former Candidate A. Strauss were given for further report, stated to the Ministerium as follows:

Your Committee respectfully reports, concerning the papers handed to them in addition to the former parcel, relating to A. Strauss, as follows:

The same consist of a letter from said Strauss, wherein he seeks to justify himself, and some recommendatory papers. All these papers are drawn up in such a spirit, that they of themselves deserve very little credit. But if we compare them with those that we formerly examined, they lose all value, and have not altered our formerly expressed conviction.

The Committee: A. B. BIERDEMANN, J. RITTER. F. ZUR MUEHLEN, W. A. FETTER. H. HEINCKE, B. POPE. E. GREENWALD.

Resolved, that this report be accepted, and that we adhere to the former decision in this matter.

The letter of Mr. Wm. Albach, mentioned by the Seventh Synodical Committee, sub. No. 4, was read, and

Resolved, that the same shall be indefinitely laid on the table.

Adjourned with prayer by Brother J. A. Schulze.

Certified, H. BORCHERS,

Secretary of the Ministerium.

MINUTES OF THE EDUCATION SOCIETY.

This Society assembled on Wednesday, 4, P.M., June 14th, 1854. The President and Vice-President being absent, the Secretary, Prof. W. F. Lehmann opened the meeting. Rev. H. Borchers was nominated as Secretary, pro-tempore.

Resolved, that the individual members now pay in their contributions. Accordingly the following persons handed in the same:—Rev's. Adam, Albrecht, Baessler, Bierdemann, Bartholomew, Beilharz, Borchers, J. Cronenwett, Eirich, Fetter, C. Friedrich, Gast, Greenwald, R. Graetz, F. A. Graetz, Heincke, Henkel, Hochstetter, Klein, Krauss, Kornbaum, Lazar, Lehmann, Loy, Lang, Mechling, Michaelis, Pope, Reichert, Ritter, Spaengler, J. C. Schulze, J. A. Schulze, Schadow, Schwankowsky, Schladermundt, Sutter, Wagenhals, Zur Muehlen, Hordorf, Schaefer, Prof. D. Worley, each $1. - - - - - - - $42 00

Delegates, Bauer, Emrich, Glick, Heyl, Jerk, Kern, Lebold, Muhn, Planz, Valentine, Wirth, Ziegler, each $1. - - 12 00

Delegates, Grim and Hering, each 50 cents, - - 1 00

Total, $55 00

Resolved, that we now proceed to the election of Officers.

The following Officers were elected:

Prof. W. F. Lehmann, *President*.
Rev. M. Loy, *Vice-President*,
" H. Borchers, *Secretary*,
Mr. John K. Heyl, *Treasurer*.

An election for Directors resulted as follows:—Rev's. E. Greenwald, C. Spielmann, Prof. W. F. Lehmann, M. Loy, J. C. Schulze, Prof. D. Worley, and J. J. Sutter.

The Treasurer then handed in the following report:

Report of the Treasurer of Education Society, of the Joint Ev. Lutheran Synod of Ohio and adjacent States.

Balance in Treasury, as reported by the former Treasurer, J. Conley, in May, 1851, - - - - - - -		$169 21
Amount of Total Receipts to June 12, 1854, - -		2754 86
		$2924 07
Paid as per orders of the Committee, -	$2863 24	
Counterfeit money received, - -	3 00	
		2866 24
Balance on hand, June 12, 1854.		$57 83

John K. Heyl, *Treasurer*.

The Report was accepted, and the Society was indefinitely adjourned.

H. Borchers, *Secretary*.

ADDENDA.

OBITUARY, No. 1.

Abraham Doner, formerly Evangelical Lutheran pastor of several Congregations in Allen County, Ohio, was born of Christian parents, on the 15th of January, 1795, in Lancaster County, in the State of Pennsylvania. His father was named Christian Doner, and his mother Nancy, whose maiden name was Lochmann. He remained in his native state till ripened into years, and then removed with them to Fairfield County, Ohio. It was here, that the preaching of the words of life, through the late lamented Lutheran minister, the Rev. Michael Steck, the Holy Spirit gave fruition to the seeds sown into his heart by his pious parents, to the glory of our holy religion. He never was absent from Divine Service on Lord's Day, and attended the instruction for confirmation regularly, and improved every opportunity offered him, in order to accept the opportunity, as the Apostle Paul expresses it, "to grow in the knowledge of the Lord," and when he was suitably prepared, through the instrumentality of the above-named pastor, he was by confirmation admitted to communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church and to the participation of the Lord's Supper. Diligent and continued reading of the Holy Scriptures, but more particularly constant and sincere prayer, implanted in his heart a fervent and unwavering love to Jesus Christ our only Saviour, who also redeemed his soul through his sufferings and death from eternal wrath. He was deeply impressed with these tokens of divine grace, which not only urged him to lead a chaste and godly life, but also actuated him to be instrumental by exhortation and example to lead his fellow pilgrims to this dear and only Saviour, and by caring for their immortal souls. His house was truly a house of prayer, training his family, faithfully assisted by his pious and beloved wife, Catharine, (maiden name Surcher,) who now as widow mourns his loss, into the bosom of the Church of Christ. This love to Christ, the Saviour of the world, accompanied him also when he removed to Allen County, Ohio. Here he soon discovered, that there was a great lack of embassadors of the Cross, and his untiring zeal for the growth of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, therefore had a wider field.—He exhorted, instructed and prayed with his neighbors, visited the sick, gave them consoling words, and directed all who were yet out of the pale of the Church, to Jesus, the friend of sinners, which was the cause, that he was urged in the most pressing manner by his neighbors and acquaintances, to take a license to preach the Gospel to them. At first he refused, but after repeated solicitations, he consented, and about thirteen years ago, he made applications for a licence from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Ohio, to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to devote his whole life to his service, and to labor in his vineyard. Many of the ministers were already acquainted with his labors and his love for the Church of Jesus Christ, and were very willing to receive him into their Synodical connection, and gave him full permission to become a promulgator of the divine truths of salvation and to exercise the office of steward of God's secrets, for the eternal welfare of his fellow beings.

The unanimous testimony of all his acquaintances proves, that he faithfully and untiringly performed his duty to his end. He preached regularly for nearly thirteen years, in eight congregations in Allen and the adjoining counties, when his health permitted him to do so; no exterior hindrances or unpleasant weather or bad roads, ever kept him from speeding to the place where he was expected to bear the word of the cross, until in November, 1853, he had by exposure taken a severe cold, which in spite of physical aid, resulted in consumption, and hastened the termination of his life, which took place on the 25th of April, 1854, aged 59 years, 3 months and ten days.

There is but one opinion with respect to Brother Doner's usefulness and walks in life,—he was universally respected and beloved. For nearly thirteen years he was a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Ohio, the Sessions of which he attended, with but very few intermissions, in order to become edified, instructed and strengthened in the society of his fellow-laborers in his Master's vineyard. All his Brethren in office give him their testimony as being a meek, pious-minded follower of Jesus Christ. His name is repeated with respect, and his memory is cherished, not only in the congregations in which he labored, but also among other denominations who became acquainted with him. His end was calm and peaceful, for his faith in the Saviour of the world, who also died for him upon the cross, was unshaken; this it was, that enabled him to look consolingly upon his widow and seven children, who were weeping about his dying bed, and to give them his blessing. With a faint voice, but with a heart overflowing with love, he exhorted them to remain faithful to the end, in order that they also might obtain the crown of eternal life.

His remains were followed to the place of mortal rest by a large number of Christians of all denominations, and many a silent tear shed at his grave, showed plainly how beloved he had been in life. May his body rest in peace in the bosom of the earth until the day of the glorious resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

No. 2.

The late Rev. John Isensee, was the eldest son of John Isensee, now long since dead, and his wife Anna Catharina, (maiden name Taeger,) who is now still living. He was born on the 22d of August, 1805, in Altmark Brandenburg, province of Saxony, kingdom of Prussia. In his earliest youth, his parents perceived, that their Heavenly Father had endowed their son with peculiar spiritual gifts, and in order not to bury the talent which had been entrusted to him in a napkin, they neglected no opportunity to store his mind with knowledge. Theology was his delightful study, and as the inclination to proclaim Christ crucified became more and more alive in his mind, he devoted himself to this profession with all the energy of an assiduous spirit. Still he did not misconstrue the great responsibility of a preacher of the Gospel, but felt the same so deeply, that he was well nigh to withdraw from his first resolution, and to give a deaf ear to the voice of the Lord, who had called him into the vineyard, if other pastors, who were well acquainted with his capacities as a shepherd, had not earnestly cheered him up, and it seems that the Bishop of souls, Jesus Christ, at this juncture revived his drooping spirits, so that he could not withstand the call to go and nurture and gather the scattered and destitute sheep, and to collect and lead them upon the green pastures of the everlasting Gospel. His firm resolution, however, was that if he entered the office of the ministry, that he would either labor among the Heathen or go among his destitute German brethren in North America, and his Divine Master so ordered it, that he carried out the latter resolution. After several years of diligent preparation, he was with several others, by the advice of several influential members of the Altmark Missionary Society prevailed upon to emigrate to North America, and received the necessary recommendatory papers for this journey from the Rev. Gossner in Berlin.

Although this project to leave his native country, and with it his friends and relations, to wander in a strange land, came upon him suddenly and heavily, still he joyfully followed the acknowledged voice of his Master, confident of the protection of his almighty and everliving Father, knowing that Jesus would be his guide through the stormy paths of life. In the Autumn of 1840 he landed in Baltimore, where, after becoming acquainted with the condition of the Lutheran Church, and having also inquired into, and by his own observation become somewhat acquainted with the principles of other denominations, he made applications in the following year to be received into connection with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Maryland, which request was granted and he was licensed by the President of that Synod to preach the Gospel and to administer the Sacraments. Some years after this he joined the Synod of Ohio. At first, he mostly assisted other ministers, but in the Spring of 1842, he was called as pastor by some Lutheran Congregations in Butler County, Pennsylvania, where he labored with evident blessing for six years. He now began to feel a strong decrease of his physical powers, which was principally owing to the great bodily exertions which he had to endure in his extended sphere of action. This compelled him, with the permission of his former congregations to accept a call as pastor of the German Evangelical Lutheran Zion's Congregation, in East-Germantown, Wayne County, Indiana, where he preached his introductory sermon on the first of April, 1848. At first he also officiated in the Evangelical Lutheran St. James' Congregation, at Hagerstown, Wayne County, Indiana, but as his health became gradually more and more depressed, and travelling being burdensome to him, he was compelled to give up this connection, and confine the sphere of his activity to the Germantown Congregation alone.

With what wholesome biblical, and faith awakening and strengthening doctrine, he even while laboring under bodily infirmity, sought to edify and build up the fold that was entrusted to him, his congregation can cheerfully testify, who still lament that an all-wise Providence has so soon terminated his labors. He held his last sermon on the fourth Sunday in Advent, 1853, and the voice

which till then had so often called the congregation to the Communion of the Lord, now echoed no more in the temple, the sincere exhortations, warnings and consolations, the continual directions to the true Physician of the sick, from the mouth of this faithful servant were heard no more, and his mortal body sank into the grave, while his spirit hastened into the bosom of his beloved Lord and Master, concerning whom he had so often faithfully testified.

He entered into the bonds of matrimony with Sophia Schulze, with whom he had one daughter, who both died before him. On account of his weakly constitution, he felt himself necessitated to look for another partner, whom he found in the person of his present widow, Dorothea Elizabeth Schulze, with whom he for the second time entered the matrimonial state, and had two sons, who are still living.—As husband and father he had the eternal welfare of his beloved family deeply at heart, and directed them kindly in the strait and narrow path that leads to eternal life, whereto his almost constant infirmities gave him powerful impulse. He suffered almost the whole of the last winter, but did not neglect to put his house in order, so that he might, when called away, in confident reliance upon the Saviour of the world, cheerfully lay down his head. Every possible remedy was sought and prescribed, but the Lord God had spoken the mighty word, which ended his labors here below, and took him from his family circle to the happy land beyond the grave. His death, which was a calm slumber, greatly to the consolation of his family, took place on the morning of the tenth of May, 1854, at six o'clock; he arrived at the age of 48 years, 8 months and 18 days. On the 12th of May his bodily remains were committed to the earth, on which occasion, two of his neighboring brethren in office, the Rev. J. G. Theiss, spoke in German, from John 17, 24, and the Rev. Mr. Gruber in English, from Heb. 13, 7 and 17, words of life to his mourning congregation.

He left behind him, besides his wife, two sons and his aged mother, many relations and intimate friends, to lament his death, but not as those who have no hope, but firmly relying upon a joyful meeting in the land of the living above. With Christian resignation we sing with the angels in the heavenly choir:

Born into the world above,
They our happy brother greet;
Bear him to the throne of love,
Place him at the Saviour's feet.
Jesus smiles, and says, "Well done,
Good and faithful servant thou!
Enter and receive thy crown;
Reign with me triumphant now!"

J. C. Schulze.

Springfield, O., July 21, 1854.